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For:	DEVICE AND METHOD TO FEED AND ALIGN A WEB WITH INCREASED WEB STABILITY FOR PRINTING		

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The documents listed below are being submitted to the application file.

D1. JP 9-507716, which corresponds to WO 95/20185 (published in the German language) and also to US 5,860,781

D2. JP 2001-206599

D3. JP 59-146348

D4. JP 9-507666, which corresponds to WO 95/19929 (published in the German language) and also to US 5,685,471, which is of record in the above-identified application.

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicant's attorney apart from English language abstracts and/or machine translations enclosed, or the English language counterparts as identified above.

Documents D1 and D2 were cited against the claims in corresponding Japanese application no. 540105/2006 in an Office action mailed November 30, 2010 (copy and English language translation thereof provided).

Documents D3 and D4 were also cited as being of interest in the Office action mailed November 30, 2010 in corresponding Japanese application no. 540105/2006.

The applicants respectfully request that the above listed documents and the Office action mailed November 30, 2010 in corresponding Japanese application no. 540105/2006 be placed in the application file of the above-identified application.

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